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SUBJ: KOREAN ASSEMBLYMAN PLANS TO CANCEL SUIT AGAINST WASHINGTON
STAR

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1. ON APRIL 7 AND 8, LOCAL MEDIA REPORTED THAT WASHINGTON
STAR NEWSPAPER HAD RUN ARTICLE OF "CORRECTION AND EXPLANATION",
STATING THAT INVESTIGATION HAD PROVEN THAT REP. O CHONG-GUN
WAS NOT ONE OF THE TWO KOREAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN WHO VISITED
WASHINGTON IN 1975 AND WERE INVOLVED IN POSSIBLE BRIBERY OF
U.S. CONGRESSMEN, AS REPORTED ON MARCH 20. STAR'S RETRACTION,
WHICH APPEARED ON PAGE FIVE OF APRIL 2 ISSUE, REFLECTED RESULT
OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON STAR UNDERTOOK ON ITS OWN, AFTER
LEARNING OF REP. O'S SUIT, ACCORDING TO LOCAL MEDIA.

2. EMBOFF CONTACTED CLOSE ADVISOR OF REP. O'S APRIL 8 AND
WAS TOLD THAT, ON RECOMMENDATION OF SEVERAL FRIENDS IN
PRPSS CIRCLES, REP. O CONSIDERS STAR'S RETRACTION
SUFFICIENT APOLOGY AND HAS INSTRUCTED LAWYERS TO MAKE
PREPARATIONS TO WITHDRAW HIS SUIT. REP. O WILL PROBABLY
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WRITE DIRECTLY TO REPORTER OPPENHEIMER OR EDITORS OF
STAR, TO REGISTER HIS REGRET OVER SUIT AND ENTIRE
INCIDENT AND TO EXPRESS HOPE FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS IN
FUTURE. ADVISOR TO REP. O EMPHASIZED THAT ABOVE OUTLINE
OF SETTLEMENT IS TENTATIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL
UNTIL NEXT
WEEK AT LEAST.

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